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My name is Connie Hahn.

I live in (b)(6) I am a Democrat and an elected precinct committee woman. I am writing here today because I see women's rights eroding in America.

The ERA, which holds that "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the US or by any state on account of sex" should have been our 28th amendment. The VAWA was never reauthorized. In 2019, women lost two important pieces of legislation. Now, Title IX is in danger of being dismantled. After his difficult fight for women's rights, Senator Birch Bayh's historic legislation to uphold sex-based rights could be overturned.

As a mother, I was able to watch my daughter play on multiple sports teams while in high school. She has a twin brother who also enjoyed playing on several boys teams. Watching them side by side their entire lives, I am witness to the obvious difference of their growth patterns. I would never have allowed my son to call himself female to play on my daughter's team. He would have had an unmistakable advantage. It would have been cheating.

If the word "sex" is replaced with "gender" Title IX will disappear. The EA will not provide equality for women because it is based on "gender identity" or how someone "feels" instead of biological sex. "Feelings" can change but no one can change their sex. Laws should NOT be based on "feelings" but instead on facts and reality. Girls are hurt when "gender identity" becomes law and Title IX is ignored in our high schools and colleges.

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US DOE's civil rights office released an internal memorandum stating that "sex" in Title IX refers only to biological sex; schools DO NOT violate the law by refusing to allow transathletes to use facilities or participate in sports based on sex.

Jan. 6, 2021-A

new study suggests that the IOC adjustment period of one year after starting female hormones is too short.

The PIAA has

taken this issue to the PA Supreme Court which ruled that it could not stop them from enacting a policy that barred boys from playing on girls' teams. Many states are introducing legislation to make sure that sports remain fair for girls:

Here are examples of the unfair advantage that males have when they decide to imitate the opposite sex.

Two male trans athletes won 1st and 2nd in the Connecticut girl's indoor track

meet in 2019 preventing Selina Soule, who had trained for years to compete at Regionals, from attending. Selina and two other girls had filed a lawsuit against the CIAC which has since been dismissed by the judge. They are not finished fighting yet. They

will appeal the court's decision.

At Franklin Pierce college, a mediocre male trans athlete, after three years on the men's team, by switching genders, and joining the women's team, was able to claim the national title in hurdles at the 2019 NCAA Championship (men's hurdles are 6" taller than women's hurdles) after which the NCAA had to change their rules to address fairness in women's sports.

In schools across the country, opportunities are being stripped away from female athletes. These girls are losing their spots in high-level competitions. This is not a problem on boys teams where female trans athletes are playing. What is being sold as inclusion, is reversing nearly 50 years of advances for our young girls. The truth is that reducing hormone levels is not enough. Men have more muscle mass, larger hearts, and greater bone density making them physically stronger than women which has been proven in the newest study.

<https://bjsm.bmj.com/content/55/11/577.full?ijkey=yjICzZVZFRDZzHz&keytype=ref>

Women have always been last for legislation that will make our lives better. We are missing legislators with the integrity of those like Birch Bayh.

Thank you,  
Connie Hahn